

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend page 2, lines 10-21 as follows:

~~According to~~ Consistent with the present invention, there is provided a method of playing a poker game including the steps of:

dealing hands to players;

during one or more betting rounds, requiring each player to check, call, raise or fold within a predetermined time;

for each player, indicating incremental elapsing of at least a portion of the predetermined time;

if a player does not check, call, raise or fold within the predetermined time;

~~declaring the player's hand dead~~ holding the player to a check if

no bet exists in the betting round; or

~~holding the player to a check~~ declaring the player's hand dead if a

bet exists in the betting round;

after all betting rounds are completed, determining betting by ranking remaining hands.